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(C) Further to Reftel, during a May 12 discussion with the MFA's Director for Strategic Policy, Cristian Istrate, PolMilOff raised elimination of ISAF caveats. PolMilOff underscored U.S. appreciation for Romanian leadership on the important issue of eliminating caveats, further stating that the U.S. would welcome any suggestions Romania might have to persuade other ISAF contributors to remove their caveats. Istrate promised to review our points on this topic and to share them with other MFA officials who handle ISAF matters. TAUBMAN